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**2013 BEACHES COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS** : presenting the Habitat for Humanity Education Program volunteers who do after-school tutoring at the Donner and Jordan Centers. Standing, left to right: Mike Miller, Susie Miller, Dennis Gates, Lou Wannemacher, Susan Goebertus and Stacy Hoffman, AmeriCorps volunteer. Seated, left to right: Drew Brennan, Margot Metzler, Jill Wannemacher, Lauretta Gaylord, and Dan Mechenbier. Marlene Fogarty was nominated, but not pictured. See all the Beaches Community Champions at [www.beachesenergy.com](http://www.beachesenergy.com).



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## Lighting the Lamp of Learning for Future Success

Beaches Energy Services salutes the volunteers of the Habitat for Humanity Education Program. After School Coordinator Sue Goebertus says that many of the children have been in the program since they learned to read their first words, and continued through elementary, middle and high school, into higher education. Many of the volunteers in this dedicated group have been helping children in reading and math for a decade. The children regard them in a very special way. Kids have returned from college to thank the group that helped them find success. We at Beaches Energy Services thank them too.



## Tidings Tips: Ways to Protect Our Sea Turtles

Florida is the second largest loggerhead sea turtle nesting area in the world, and the sea turtle nesting season is May 1 through October 31. It's important that we all ensure a safe nesting season for these beautiful creatures. Here are some things to remember during this time:

- Avoid unnecessary light, noise and movement on the beach at night.
- Take all chairs, umbrellas and other gear in from the beach at night.
- Remove all litter from the beach, so sea turtles don't mistake it for food, which could be fatal.
- Never shine lights directly on a sea turtle. The light may cause her to abandon her nest. Never use flash photography.
- Restrict or shield direct beachfront light from residences or landscapes.
- Do not light fires at night on the beach when turtles are nesting.



If you find a sea turtle, keep your distance. Never touch or disturb a nesting female, nests or emerging hatchlings. Any of these actions are a violation of federal and state laws. For more information on sea turtles and ways to help them survive, contact [www.bstp.net](http://www.bstp.net) or call Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol at 904.613.6081.

## Donations Are Being Accepted for City Fireworks Display

Fireworks are the most expensive special event hosted by Jacksonville Beach. It costs \$25,000 for approximately 18 minutes of fireworks or over \$1,000 per minute. The City of Jacksonville Beach welcomes contributions to help defray the cost of its fireworks display on July 4, 2013. You can donate online at <http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/residents/news/donations-being-accepted-fireworks-display> or you can send a check to: The City of Jacksonville Beach (Fireworks account), 11 North Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.



### Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours

	May	June
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$75.57	\$75.57
Power cost adjustment	\$44.84	\$44.84
Total	\$124.91	\$124.91



## Prepare: Hurricane Season Has Begun!

With the arrival of hurricane season, we encourage everyone to check your hurricane survival kit and review your evacuation plans for your family. There are two terms to become familiar with. A hurricane watch is when a hurricane may threaten coastal and inland areas within the next 48 hours. A hurricane warning is when a hurricane is expected to strike in the next 36 hours. See our website for information to help prepare your home and family in advance at [www.beachesenergy.com/special\\_needs\\_services/](http://www.beachesenergy.com/special_needs_services/).

Customers with serious health problems requiring specialized electric equipment should know about our Medical Support Notification Program. This equipment includes apnea monitors, nebulizers, and oxygen machines. With a doctor's verification, your name and address will be placed on our Medical Support List. If a scheduled service outage is expected to last for an extended period of time, we will contact you so you can make an informed decision about whether to leave your home. To receive more information about this program, call 904-247-6241.

## Using Portable Electric Generators Safely

Sometimes stormy weather causes electric outages. Portable generators offer great benefits, but can also be very dangerous. Every year, people die in incidents related to using them improperly. The most common incidents involve carbon monoxide poisoning from generators being used indoors or in partially enclosed spaces. When using a generator, always buy a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm.



The second most common cause of deaths results from electric shock due to backfeed—caused by generators that are plugged in or connected to a home's internal wiring. This is an extremely dangerous practice that presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. The only safe way to connect the generator to the house wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch in accordance with local electrical codes.